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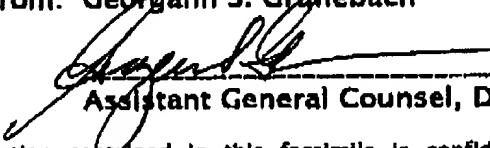
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- > Amendment Transmittal
- > Response to PTO Office Communication Dated March 8, 2004

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**PATENT**  
Docket No. PD-200083IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ying J. Feria, et al.  
 Serial No. 09/661,967  
 Filed: September 14, 2000  
 For: STRATOSPHERIC-BASED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
 HAVING INTERFERENCE CANCELLATION

Date: May 27, 2004  
 Group Art Unit: 2686  
 Examiner: Ly, Nghi H.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ . If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	24 minus	24* =	0 x	\$ 18.00	\$ -0-	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus	4* =	1 x	\$ 84.00	\$ -0-	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			x	\$ 280.00	\$ -0-	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						

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Respectfully submitted,

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